

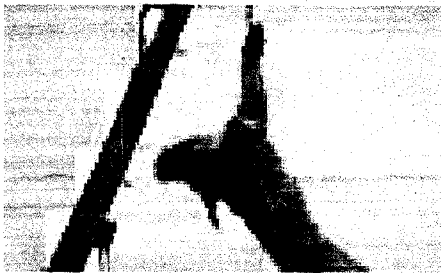
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter against the suffering of downed animals and in reference to docket number 98P-0151/CP1. The slaughtering of downed animals is not only unacceptable but also cruel, inhumane, and unnecessary. The poor downed animals are not even able to stand, move or hardly make a sound, yet people are ruthless and abuse them.

- "Animals who are too sick even to stand pose a health threat and should not be allowed to enter the human food chain." (Farm Sanctuary)
 - "It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains-inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments." (Farm Sanctuary)
- While I read these facts, I thought: "Is it necessary to put these poor defenseless animals through this torture and suffering?" What do you think? We must end the suffering of downed animals, as it will not cause any economic problems since "downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered." (Farm Sanctuary)



Pig dies in transport.



Cow dragged behind truck.

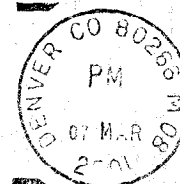
These heartbreaking pictures show and prove the cruelty that thousands of poor, weak downed animals go through. Truly, it is not necessary to transport a pig by his front hoof and lift him into the air by a crane, or to drag a dying cow behind a truck while his body is ripped open and his legs break. Can you imagine the pain, suffering, torment, and terror the animal feels while being lifted into the air, as its' neck snaps and its' legs break? Yet, the suffering of downed animals goes on and on. These pictures serve as fateful reminders: We need to end all downed animal suffering and slaughtering.

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